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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/882,917	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BATES ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Etienne P LeRoux	<b>Art Unit</b> 2161	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/15/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
     If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:  
         1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
         2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
         3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
     \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
     a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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***Claims Status***

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-26 are rejected as detailed below.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7, 9 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat No 6,785,891 (Allen et al), hereafter Allen.

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

**Claims 1, 6 and 26:**

Allen discloses:

receiving a response containing the electronic document comprising the at least two frames each containing the searchable text [Fig 2, step 110, col 5, lines 10-20]

automatically designating one of the at least two frames as a default search frame based on a pre-existing specification of the default search frame, wherein the designation is made irrespective of a listed order of the frames [Fig 2, step 120, col 5, lines 40-50]

rendering the electronic document for display wherein the designated default search frame of the displayed electronic document is available to a user for conducting a search of the searchable text contained in the designated default search frame and wherein absent a command from a user to search a different one of the at least two frames, a user request to perform a search is, by default, automatically initiated in the designated default search frame [col 3, lines 10-20, user interactivity per AS/400 inherently includes searching<sup>1</sup>]

**Claim 2:**

Allen discloses wherein the electronic document is a web page, wherein the response is received from the Internet and wherein at least the automatically designating and rendering are performed by a browser [col 5, lines 5-20]

**Claim 3:**

Allen discloses wherein automatically designating occurs one of before rendering or after rendering [col 5, lines 40-50]

**Claim 4:**

Allen discloses wherein automatically designating occurs without an explicit selection of the default search frame by a user [col 5, lines 40-50]

**Claims 5 and 7:**

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<sup>1</sup> Fig 1 of US Pat No 6,801,906, col 5, lines 40-45, discloses a search engine associated with AS/400

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Allen discloses wherein automatically designating comprises parsing the response to locate a default search frame identifier [applet, col 5, lines 40-50]

**Claim 9:**

Allen discloses highlighting the default search frame [col 5, lines 40-45]

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allen.

**Claim 8:**

Allen discloses the elements of claim 1 as noted above but does not disclose wherein automatically designating comprises one of selecting from the at least two frames containing a greater amount of content and selecting a largest frame from the at least two frames. Official Notice is taken that automatically designating comprises one of selecting from the at least two frames containing a greater amount of content and selecting a largest frame from the at least two frames is well-known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Allen per the above limitation for the purpose of speeding up the process of searching.

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Regarding the rejection of claims 10-25, examiner maintains such claims can be rejected on a similar basis to the above rejection(s).

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 12/15/2006 have been carefully considered and found persuasive but are moot based on above new grounds of rejection.

### ***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P. LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on (571) 272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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